Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The people of South Dakota have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who selflessly served their country and this state in the armed forces; and,

Whereas, Veterans have paid the high price for freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and,

Whereas, The contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the state of South Dakota who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and,

Whereas, Many men and women have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and,

Whereas, Many citizens of our state have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal, as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and,

Whereas, By South Dakota statute, August 7 has been designated as the day in which to remember and recognize South Dakota veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2017, as

PURPLE HEART DAY

in South Dakota, and I ask all South Dakotans to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State